

**MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**PONTYPOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICES**  
**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2018**

**In attendance:**

Councillor: M. Ford (In the Chair)

Councillors in attendance: Mrs K Arthur, N. Byrne, Mrs E. Chilcott JP, Miss L. Clarkson, Mrs E. Hunt, Mrs G. E. James, N. Jones, J. Killick, Mrs R. Matthews, R. Mills, R. F. Overton, Mrs N. P. Parrish.

Officers: Mrs R. V. Tucker, Mrs C. E. Hillier

The Chairman welcomed the newly elected Councillor Mrs Kay Arthur to the meeting.

17. **Questions from the Public**

There were no questions from the Public.

18. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors D. K. James, Mrs J. E. Jones, A. Lang, B. Rapier, N. Simons.

**RESOLVED:** that the apologies be noted.

19. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors N. Jones, R. Mills, R. Overton and Mrs N. P. Parrish declared an interest on any item on the agenda relating to Torfaen County Borough Council.

**RESOLVED:** that the declarations of interest be recorded.

**JW**

20. **Speakers**

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Phil O'Connell, Gwent Police and Kate Williams, Equalities, Cohesion and Community Safety Manager for Torfaen County Borough Council.

Inspector O'Connell addressed issues raised by Members including:

- Antisocial behaviour in town centre car parks.
- Break-in's to sheds and garages in the Torfaen area.
- Youth disorder in the Trevethin area.
- The remit of the PCSOs.
- Police PACT meetings
- Homeless/rough sleepers in Riverside car park.

A full report is attached hereto.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that the Speakers be thanked for their responses to the Council Members.

(ii) that members note the information and advice provided by the Speakers.

The Chairman thanked the Speakers for their attendance.

21. **Chairman's Announcements**

Members received the list of functions attended by the Chair and other Members. The Clerk advised the meeting of an amendment to the attendees at the Funeral of Councillor Bob Jones, Chair of Cwmbran Community Council, by the addition of Councillors Mrs E Chilcott JP and Mrs N P Parrish.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that members note the amendments to the list of Chairman's Announcements

(ii) that the Chair and members be thanked for attending the listed events.

22. **Council Meetings**

- a) Full Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Members received and considered the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018 be confirmed as a true record.

- b) Annual Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Members received and considered the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

The Clerk informed the meeting of proposed amendments to the Minutes:

Item 6 - Policy & Finance Committee membership – replace “one vacancy” with Councillor Mrs J E Jones. Planning & Environment Committee – replace Councillor Mrs J E Jones with Councillor Mrs K Arthur.

Item 9 – Councillor Mrs K Arthur to be added as the Council’s representative on Art Regen.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that members approve the amendments to the Minutes

(ii) that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 be confirmed as a true record subject to the approval of the proposed amendments.

23. **South Wales Trunk Road**

Members received and considered the document regarding the upgrading of the A4042/A472 roundabout.

Members identified existing issues and improvement options:

- Current insufficient road marking needs to be replaced with clearer marking.
- Issue of queueing on the roundabout to exit into the service area.
- Possible additional lane.
- Possible part-time traffic lights.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that members identify existing issues and improvement options

(ii) that the identified issues and improvement options be communicated to the South Wales Trunk Road Agent.

**JW**

24. **Governors**

Members considered the appointment of a Governor to Garnteg Primary school. Councillor K Arthur was nominated and approved to this appointment. Councillor Arthur accepted the nomination subject to the times of Governors meetings being ascertained.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that members nominate and appoint a member to the Governing body of Garnteg Primary school

(ii) that the Clerk ascertain times of meetings of the Governing body

**RT/JW**

25. **One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Members received and considered Council attendance at the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at the Royal Welsh Showground, Builth Wells.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that Members approve the nomination of Councillor J Killick and the Clerk to the Council as the Council attendees at the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**JK/RT  
JW to  
book**

26. **Building Bridges Across the Generations**

The Council received and considered Council attendance at the 'Building Bridges Across the Generations' Conference on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at the Christchurch Centre, Newport.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that members approve the nomination of Councillor Miss L Clarkson and the Clerk to the Council as attendees on behalf of the Council at the Building Bridges Across the Generations Conference on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
(ii) that members request for a report to Council be provided following the Conference.

**LC/RT**

**JW to  
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27. **Motion for One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting**

Members received and considered an invitation from One Voice Wales to submit by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018, up to two motions for the Annual General Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Councillor Mrs N P Parrish proposed a motion "We ask the Welsh Government to improve their communication at grass roots level when consultation exercises are carried out".

The Clerk reminded members that if the motion is accepted, a member of the Council has to be present at the AGM to move it.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that members approve the proposed motion  
(ii) that members note the attendance of the Chairman at the One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 if the motion is accepted.

**JW**  
**MF**

28. **Strengthening Local Government**

Members considered responses to the Welsh Government Green Paper Consultation Document 'Strengthening Local Government: Delivering for People'. It was proposed and agreed that Councillor Miss L Clarkson collate members responses prior to the deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**RESOLVED:** (i) that members approve the proposal that Councillor Miss L Clarkson collate members responses to the consultation  
(ii) that the Clerk email the consultation document to members for their consideration and responses to Councillor Clarkson

**LC**

**RT**  
**All**  
**Members**

29. **Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County Borough of Torfaen**

Members considered response to the Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales Review of the Electoral Arrangements of the County Borough of Torfaen.

Councillor Miss L Clarkson advised members that having given considerable consideration to the document she believed that the Community Council responsibilities will be greatly increased. Members proposed to set up a Working Party to consider the Council's response to the Review document.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that members approve the proposal to set up a Working Party to consider the Council's response to the Review document  
(ii) that members be invited to join the Working Party.

**JW**

30.

**Reports**

i) Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales 10/04/18

The minutes of the One Voice Wales Gwent Valleys Area meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were received.

Members considered a proposal to invite the Leader of Torfaen County Borough Council, Councillor Anthony Hunt, to the July meeting of Full Council. The Leader informed the meeting that she and the Deputy Leader will be meeting the Leader of Torfaen CBC on a monthly or six weekly basis to discuss joint working between the Community Council and the Council. The Chair stressed the importance of a good working relationship between the two Councils.

The Clerk advised the meeting that with regard to the Local Councils Partnership Committee the Charter has been approved by all five Community Councils but is still waiting approval by Torfaen CBC. The Leader and Deputy Leader will raise this with the Leader of Torfaen CBC.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that the Minutes and notes of the One Voice Wales Gwent Valleys Area meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 be received and noted

(ii) that the proposal to invite Councillor A Hunt, Leader of Torfaen CBC, to speak at the July meeting of Full Council be approved

(iii) that the Leader and Deputy Leader ask the Leader of Torfaen CBC the reason for the delay in Council approval for the Charter.

**RT/JW**

**GEJ/JK**

ii) Pontypool Party in the Park 23/04/18

The notes of the meeting of the 'Pontypool Party in the Park' Working Group held 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 were received and considered.

The Chair of the Events Committee raised concern that the Council needs to be more involved in the organisation of the event. Members proposed that the Chair of the Events Committee meet with Verity Ryan, TCBC Arts Officer, to discuss issues and proposals.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that the Minutes and notes of the Pontypool Party in the Park meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> April be received and noted.  
(ii) that the Clerk make arrangements for a meeting of the Chair of Events and Verity Ryan, Torfaen CBC.

- iii) Torfaen's Prioritising Play Conference 04/05/18  
The notes of Torfaen's Prioritising Play Conference held 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were received.

A member stated that Torfaen Playscheme works with children and young people with extreme difficulties and the Council needs to recognise their work.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that the Minutes and notes of Torfaen's Prioritising Play Conference held 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018 be received and noted

31. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
**By virtue of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following items on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

32. **Council 25 April 2018**

To approve minute 390 of the Council meeting held 25 April 2018.

The Chairman thanked Councillor J Killick for his work on the minute.

**RESOLVED:** that minute 390 of the Council meeting held on 25 April 2018 be approved.

33. **Personnel**

Members considered a personnel matter regarding the extension of a temporary contract.

**RESOLVED:** that the members approve the proposal that the contract for the temporary staff member be extended for a further six months and be reviewed thereafter.

**RT**

34. **WRAP**

Members considered a report regarding the Welfare Rights Advice Project.

A member proposed the project be ceased and future clients be advised to contact CAB, Mind and Age Connects for benefits advice.

It was proposed that these organisations be invited to a future Council meeting to provide presentations on their services to a future Council meeting.

**RESOLVED:** (i) that members approve that cessation of the WRAP project  
(ii) that members approve invitations to future Council meetings to CAB, Mind and Age Connects to do presentations on their services.

**RT/JW**

**Chairman**